

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Inventor	: Anthony Costa	Examiner	: Eric E. Silverman
Customer No.	: 22469	Docket No.	: 0299568-0417
Title:	: TOPICAL GEL MATRIX		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006. It is filed as a submission with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$395 RCE fee and any additional fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter as follows: